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CONFERENCE SCHEDULING PROBLEMS RESOLVED --

SECRETARY OF COMMITTEE ON CONFERENCES REPORTED THAT CONFERENCE SCHEDULING PROBLEMS IN APRIL AND JUNE 1976 HAVE BEEN RESOLVED. COMMITTEE OF 24 HAS AGREED TO LIMIT ITS MEETINGS, TRUSTEESHIP COUNCIL HAS POSTPONED OPENING OF ITS SESSION UNTIL JUNE 15 OR 21, AND IT IS HOPED THE SECURITY COUNCIL REQUIREMENTS WILL BE MINIMAL. ON THIS BASIS, CONFERENCE SERVICES BELIEVES IT CAN ACCOMMODATE ECOSOC AND DESIRED TWO-WEEK EXTENSION OF COMMITTEE ON PROGRAM COORDINATION, AND NO CHANGES WILL BE NECESSARY FOR LAW OF SEA, UNCITRAL, AND COMMITTEE ON RESTRUCTURING. (USUN 663)

COMMITTEE OF 24 -- SEYCHELLES

THE COMMITTEE CONCLUDED CONSIDERATION OF THE QUESTION OF THE SEYCHELLES FEBRUARY 23 WITH THE UNANIMOUS APPROVAL OF A STATEMENT PREPARED BY CHAIRMAN SALIM (TANZANIA) WHICH: RECORDED SATISFACTION THAT THE SEYCHELLES WILL BECOME INDEPENDENT AT MIDNIGHT JUNE 28, 1976; PAID TRIBUTE TO THE PEOPLE OF THE SEYCHELLES ON THEIR ACHIEVEMENT AND TO HMG; CONGRATULATED THE PEOPLE OF THE SEYCHELLES AND EXTENDED BEST WISHES FOR PEACE, HAPPINESS AND PROSPERITY; AND EXPRESSED CONFIDENCE THAT THE INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY WILL RENDER ALL POSSIBLE ASSISTANCE TO THE GOVERNMENT AND PEOPLE OF THE SEYCHELLES FOR THE CONSOLIDATION OF THEIR INDEPENDENCE. BEFORE THE ADOPTION OF THIS DECISION, RICHARDSON (UK) REPORTED ON CONSTITUTIONAL DEVELOPMENTS AND ASSISTANCE THE UK WILL PROVIDE, AND EXPRESSED HOPE IT WOULD BE POSSIBLE FOR THE GOVERNMENT OF THE SEYCHELLES, IN THIS TRANSITIONAL PERIOD BEFORE INDEPENDENCE, TO BE ADMITTED AS AN OBSERVER TO THE LAW OF THE SEA CONFERENCE.

THE REPRESENTATIVES OF TANZANIA, IRAN, INDIA, AUSTRALIA, NORWAY AND TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO EXPRESSED GRATIFICATION OVER THE FORTHCOMING INDEPENDENCE OF THE SEYCHELLES. THEY AND UNCLASSIFIED

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THE OAU REPRESENTATIVE ALSO CONGRATULATED THE UK. TANZANIA, INDONESIA, IRAN AND INDIA MENTIONED THE NEED FOR ECONOMIC ASSISTANCE. INDONESIA WAS CONCERNED THAT THE HIGH ILLITERACY RATE MIGHT SERIOUSLY HAMPER DEVELOPMENT EFFORTS. THE INDIAN REPRESENTATIVE STATED THE RETURN OF CERTAIN ISLANDS WAS REQUIRED TO PRESERVE THE TERRITORIAL INTEGRITY OF THE SEYCHELLES, AND HE HOPED THE PROPOSED TRIPARTITE MEETING OF THE SEYCHELLES, THE UK AND THE

US ON THIS MATTER WOULD TAKE PLACE SOON. TANZANIA HOPED THE UK WOULD ABIDE BY UN DECISIONS REGARDING THE INTEGRITY OF TERRITORIES, INCLUDING THE SEYCHELLES AND THE "BRITISH INDIAN OCEAN TERRITORY."

THE CHINESE REPRESENTATIVE SAID THAT THE JUST DEMAND OF THE SEYCHELLES PEOPLE FOR INDEPENDENCE WAS BEING MET; THIS WAS A RESULT OF THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE NATIONAL LIBERATION MOVEMENTS WITHIN AFRICA; AND THE UNITY AND TERRITORIAL INTEGRITY OF THE SEYCHELLES MUST BE RECOGNIZED. MUSTAFA SAM (OAU) STATED THAT THE ACCEPTANCE BY ALL THE LIBERATION MOVEMENTS OF THE SEYCHELLES OF THE NEED TO WORK TOGETHER FOR INDEPENDENCE, AS SUGGESTED BY THE OAU, HAD LED TO INDEPENDENCE. HE HOPED THE UK WOULD KEEP ITS PLEDGE REGARDING THE TERRITORIAL INTEGRITY OF THE SEYCHELLES, IN RESPECT OF THOSE ISLANDS NOW SEPARATED FROM THE SEYCHELLES (REPEATED INFO NAIROBI)

SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON THE CHARTER --

DATCU (ROMANIA), ONLY SPEAKER IN GENERAL DEBATE IN COMMITTEE FEBRUARY 23, STATED THAT THE GA WAS THE MOST REPRESENTATIVE BODY IN THE UN AND ITS FUNCTIONS SHOULD BE IMPROVED AND ITS ROLE INCREASED; IN THE SECURITY COUNCIL, THE MEMBERSHIP SHOULD BE INCREASED, THE ROLE OF THE SMALL COUNTRIES ENHANCED, AND THE VETO USED ONLY IN SPECIFIC CASES IN THE INTERESTS OF WORLD PEACE. HIS DELEGATION, HE SAID, PLANNED TO SUBMIT A PROPOSAL ON THE ORGANIZATION OF THE COMMITTEE'S FUTURE WORK. ROSSIDES (CYPRUS) SUGGESTED THAT THE COMMITTEE CONCENTRATE ITS WORK ON ONE OR TWO ITEMS IN ORDER TO ACHIEVE CONCRETE RESULTS AND THAT SUCH QUESTIONS AS THOSE DEALING WITH THE MAINTENANCE OF INTERNATIONAL PEACE AND SECURITY BE ACCORDED PRIORITY.

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COMMITTEE ON NATURAL RESOURCES --

THE COMMITTEE, ACTING AS PREPARATORY COMMITTEE FOR THE UN WATER CONFERENCE, OPENED ITS FIRST SESSION FEBRUARY 23 AND ELECTED BY ACCLAMATION HARRIMAN (NIGERIA) AS CHAIRMAN; BRUCE (CANADA), KRYZHANOVSKY (UKRAINE) AND AL-BADRI (IRAQ) AS VICE CHAIRMEN; AND CAMACHO (VENEZUELA) AS RAPPORTEUR. THE PROVISIONAL AGENDA FOR THE SESSION WAS ADOPTED WITHOUT OBJECTION, AND IT WAS AGREED TO INVITE, UNDER RULE 72, ANY STATE WHICH WISHED TO PARTICIPATE IN THE COMMITTEE'S DELIBERATIONS CONCERNING PREPARATIONS FOR THE CONFERENCE.

UNDER SECRETARY GENERAL VAN LAETHEM, WHO OPENED THE SESSION, SAID THAT JOINT EFFORTS AND INITIATIVES WERE THE MAIN

INGREDIENTS FOR THE EFFECTIVE DEVELOPMENT OF WATER RESOURCES AND THEIR POTENTIALS. ORTIZ DE ROZAS (ARGENTINA) DESCRIBED ARRANGEMENTS BEING MADE BY ARGENTINA, THE HOST COUNTRY, FOR THE 1977 CONFERENCE. THE DIRECTOR OF THE CENTER FOR NATURAL RESOURCES, ENERGY AND TRANSPORT INTRODUCED THE SECRETARY GENERAL'S PROGRESS REPORT ON PREPARATIONS FOR THE CONFERENCE. B MYERSON TOLD THE COMMITTEE THAT THE US ATTACHED CONSIDERABLE IMPORTANCE TO THE CONFERENCE AND A CABINET-LEVEL NATIONAL COMMISSION HAD BEEN ESTABLISHED TO PREPARE FOR ITS AND EFFORTS WERE BEING MADE TO GENERATE INTEREST AMONG NON-GOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATIONS AND THE GENERAL PUBLIC. HE SUGGESTED A POLICY-ORIENTED CONFERENCE WOULD HELP SENSITIZE NATIONAL POLICY-MAKERS TO THIS CRUCIAL FIELD. HE ANNOUNCED THAT THE US INTENDED TO SUBMIT POLICY-ORIENTED THEMATIC PAPERS AND WOULD DISTRIBUTE AT THE CONFERENCE DOCUMENTS OF RELEVANCE TO WATER PROBLEMS AND WATER RESOURCES MANAGEMENT. STATEMENTS WERE ALSO MADE BY THE REPRESENTATIVES OF ESCAP, ECE AND ECLA.

UN COMMITTEE ON RESTRUCTURING --

VIEWS ON RESTRUCTURING OF THE ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL SECTORS OF THE UN SYSTEM WERE EXPRESSED IN COMMITTEE FEBRUARY 19 BY THE REPRESENTATIVES OF ICAO, WIPO, MEXICO, UK, JAPAN AND GDR. (USUN 666)

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SPANISH SAHARA --

ALGERIAN FOREIGN MINISTER WROTE COMMITTEE OF 24 CHAIRMAN CALLING ATTENTION TO THE "DANGEROUS PROCESS OF DETERIORATION WHICH IS DEVELOPING" IN WESTERN SAHARA AND "WHICH IT IS URGENT AND IMPERATIVE TO HALT." ALGERIA, HE CONCLUDED, REAFFIRMED ITS DESIRE TO CONTRIBUTE TO THE IMPLEMENTATION OF UN DECISIONS AIMED AT THE ATTAINMENT OF THE ASPIRATIONS OF THE SAHARAN PEOPLE TO FREEDOM AND DIGNITY THROUGH THE EXERCISE OF THEIR RIGHT TO SELF-DETERMINATION IN A FREE AND GENUINE REFERENDUM. (USUN 669)
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